been increased to keep it in fair condition. The Government have also received an estimate from the Chief Engineer for improving the road from Maniankulam bridge to the boat jetty.

Increase of pay to Police Constables.

48. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to question No. 33, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 1st August 1927 (page 55 of Vol. XI of the Council Proceedings) regarding the question of raising the pay of the Police Constables to the level of that which is now being drawn by their brethren in Cochin or in the Madras Presidency, will the Government be pleased to state in what stage the matter is?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Provision for bettering the pay of the Police Constables in the State has been made in the Budget for 1106.

Bridge across the Alwaye ferry.

49. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what action they have taken in connection with the bridging of the southern branch of the Periyar at the Alwaye-Parur ferry; and

(*b*) whether the bridge is likely to be constructed in the near future in view of the repeated assurances from the Government that the question is under their consideration?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

MR. A. G. MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether any active steps have been taken; any report has been called for or any officer of the P. W. D. has been asked to send up an estimate in regard to the construction of the bridge?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. A. G. MENON (*Parur*): Have they called for any report from the P. W. Department?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. G. MENON (*Parur*): Then, Sir, I can only say that this is the third time this answer is given.

Bridge across the Alwaye-Parur ferry.

50. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the replies given on two occasions in this Council *re* the construction of a bridge across the southern branch of the Periyar at the Alwaye-Parur ferry, what steps they have taken for the speedy construction of the said bridge?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to part (*a*) of his question No. 49 on the subject.

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